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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,
 NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL,
 and PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT, non-profit
 corporations,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Secretary of the Interior
 and U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:07-cv-06406-MHP

JOINT STIPULATION OF
 EXTENSION OF TIME TO
 ANSWER COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs Center for Biological Diversity, et al. ("Plaintiffs") and Defendants United States
 Fish and Wildlife Service, et al. ("Federal Defendants"), by and through their undersigned counsel,
 say as follows:

WHEREAS, Federal Defendants are allocated 60 days from service of Plaintiffs'
 Complaint in which to file and serve their answer;

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1 WHEREAS, the Complaint was served on the United States Attorney on December
2 19, 2007, and therefore Federal Defendants' answer is currently due on February 19, 2008;

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4 WHEREAS, there have been no previous extensions of time for Federal Defendants
5 to file and serve their answer;

6 WHEREAS, the parties are currently engaged in settlement discussions to determine
7 a date where upon to issue a 12 month finding for the Yellow Billed Loon;

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9 WHEREAS, Plaintiffs' counsel have consented to an extension of time of thirty (30)
10 days, until Thursday March 20, 2008; and,

11 THE PARTIES THEREFORE hereby notify the Court that the parties have stipulated
12 to a thirty (30) calendar day extension of time, running from February 19, 2008, for the
13 Federal Defendants' response is now due on March 20, 2008.

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15 Respectfully submitted this 15th day of February, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 15th day of February, 2008, I caused a copy of the foregoing to be served on the following counsel by means of the Court's electronic filing system:

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